

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 337
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A RESOLUTION to honor Donald R. Carter on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those citizens who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Donald R. Carter is most assuredly one such estimable person who has served with acumen for 30 years in several administrative positions at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a Kingsport native, Mr. Carter received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from ETSU in 1962; as a graduate student working to complete his Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling, he trained to become director of the university center at ETSU; and

WHEREAS, Don Carter was instrumental in collaborating with architects in the design of the D.P. Culp University Center, a \$7 million facility built in 1976 and designed to serve 15,000 students; considered to be one of the finest student centers in the country, the Center received the Governor's Design Award for Excellence in 1976; and

WHEREAS, as director of the University Center, Donald Carter helped to organize what has become University Productions, formerly the Campus Activities Board. He also played an integral role in the transformation of ETSU's Student Personnel Department into the division of Student Affairs; and

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WHEREAS, one of Mr. Carter's more notable achievements was in organizing the National Association for Campus Activities, of which he served with probity on the board of directors until 1976; and

WHEREAS, for his outstanding service, Donald Carter received the NACA's Prestigious Founders Award, given to individuals who have contributed significantly to the Association; and

WHEREAS, by means of his incomparable endeavors in both public and private life, Mr. Carter has dedicated his life to East Tennessee State University and Johnson City, as evidenced by his service to the University Center Program Council, the school yearbook, the Miss ETSU Scholarship Pageant, the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce Convention and Tourism Council, and as a regional representative for the Association of College Unions; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 Don Carter became the director of development for the ETSU Pirate Club to raise funds for ETSU student-athlete scholarships; during his tenure, donor levels increased from \$150,000 to more than \$900,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter helped orchestrate the priority seating arrangement at ETSU basketball games, along with "Business Backs the Bucs", an endeavor to provide educational and scholarship support for ETSU athletics; and

WHEREAS, Don Carter exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many achievements aside, Mr. Carter is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Bunny, and his two sons, Clint and Casey; and

WHEREAS, men of his talent and stature do not often walk among us, and Mr. Carter should be specially recognized as a sterling representative of the true spirit of the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Donald Carter our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Carter with this final clause omitted from such copy.